

**Amendments to the Claims:**

**Listing of Claims:**

- 1-7. (cancelled)
8. (currently amended) A socket apparatus, comprising:  
a socket having contacts disposed therein; ~~and~~  
a lid pivotally coupled to the socket, wherein pivotal motion of the lid opens and closes the contacts;  
an actuation arm pivotably coupled to the lid; and  
a shaft, wherein the pivotal motion of the lid causes the actuation arm to move to open and close the contacts in the socket, and wherein the movement of the actuation arm is controlled by the shaft. ~~slide along a shaft.~~
9. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the ~~arms actuate levers that open and close pins~~ actuation arm actuates a lever that opens and closes the contacts in the socket.
10. (cancelled)
11. (new) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the actuation arm has a guide slot, in which the shaft is positioned to control the movement of the actuation arm.
12. (new) The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising  
a second actuation arm pivotably coupled to the lid;  
a second shaft, wherein the pivotal motion of the lid causes the second actuation arm to move to open and close the contacts in the socket, and wherein the movement of the second actuation arm is controlled by the second shaft.
13. (new) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the second arm actuates a second lever that opens and closes the contacts in the socket.
14. (new) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the second actuation arm has a guide slot, in which the second shaft is positioned to control the movement of the second actuation arm.